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Sir:

I, **Gene A. Bornzin**, declare that:

1) I am one of the named co-inventors of the above-identified patent application, which was filed on February 21, 2002.

2) I contributed to the conception and constructive reduction to practice of the invention, in the United States of America, as evidenced by the following:

a) prior to February 23, 1998 (the filing date of the application from which U.S. Patent No. 5,925,073 issued), the invention was conceived in the United States of America by Anne M. Pianca, Kevin Morgan, Joseph J. Florio, David Vachon and me, and was submitted on an invention disclosure form with attached drawings to our Legal Department (see **Exhibit A (with date redacted)**);

b) prior to February 23, 1998, the invention disclosure was approved for filing with the United States Patent Office, and was forwarded to Ronald J. Schoenbaum, Esq., for preparation of a patent application (see **Exhibit B (with date redacted)**);

c) my co-inventors and I continued to work to reduce the invention to practice, as evidenced by a further letter to Mr. Schoenbaum dated June 27, 1997 (see **Exhibit C**);

d) a draft of the application was received by the Legal Department on July 1, 1998, as evidenced by a cover letter sent by Mark Abumeri, Esq., a colleague of Mr. Schoenbaum's (see **Exhibit D**);

e) a revised draft of the application was received by the Legal Department on October 23, 1998, as evidenced by a cover letter from Mark Abumeri (see **Exhibit E**); and

f) the application was filed with the United States Patent Office on November 20, 1998.

3) The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and

that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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On Feb. 28, <sup>2-8</sup> 2003, before me, Linda C. Hansen, Notary Public, personally appeared **Gene A. Bornzin**, personally known to me OR proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by (his)/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal.

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